



RS Aero Eastern Championships 2021

Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th July 2021

Sponsored by SEACHANGENOW

Proudly hosted by the Royal St George Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

This event is subject to the Covid-19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Government and in the Host Club's Covid-19 event protocol document. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions may change as the event approaches and will influence the running/organisation/cancellation of this event.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Royal St George Yacht Club in conjunction with The RS Aero Ireland Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available [here](#):

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located [here](#): and be repeated on the event WhatsApp group.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats all rigs of the RS Aero.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be a member of the Irish or other RS Aero Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at the [Virtual Race Office](#).
- 4.4 As racing is to be held as a single fleet, finishing positions will be calculated using Portsmouth Handicap.

- 4.5 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.
- 4.7 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Aero Class Association website and should be completed and handed in at registration.
- 4.8 [NP] [DP] The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.9 [NP] [DP] Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.

5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

	Early bird to June 30th	Late registration
RS Aero 5, 7, 9	€55	€75

6 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration shall be completed online (see 4.3 above).
- 7.2 Briefing – Due to Covid-19 restrictions around social distancing, there will not be a physical briefing. Instead, competitors are asked to read the Sailing Instructions in full and pay attention to the event WhatsApp group and Host Club website where SI changes or supplementary instructions will be announced.
- 7.3 Racing:
- | <i>Date</i> | <i>Race</i> |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Saturday July 3rd | Races 1 to 3 |
| Sunday July 4th | Races 4 to 6 |
- 7.4 Six Races are scheduled.
- 7.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday July 3rd is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday July 4th is 1055.
- 7.6 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

9 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

10 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be in Dublin Bay.

11 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Appendix T and the Post Race Penalty **may** apply to this regatta. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. TBC with protest committee

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

14 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 14.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

15 BERTHING

[DP] Visiting boats shall be assigned places in the dinghy park. Dun Laoghaire based competitors shall sail from their home clubs.

16 DATA PROTECTION

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class and RSGYC websites.

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

18.2 COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations, including any travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in, or conduct of, the regatta.

The OA may, at its sole discretion:

- a) Cancel the Regatta and reject or cancel entries
- b) Limit the number of entries
- c) Restrict entries from a region

- d) Use the date order of receipt of entry to determine the cancelled entries, if limiting class entries
- e) Postpone the event
- f) Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances.
- g) Refund the entry fee in full should the OA cancel or reject an entry.

Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

- 18.3 In the event of cancellation of the event, the OA shall endeavour to refund the competitors as much of the entry fee as is reasonable, taking into account the costs incurred to date in organising the event.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling €3,000,000 Euro per incident or the equivalent.

20 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, **dependant on entries**, and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:

1st Overall: SEACHANGENOW Perpetual Trophy

RS Aero 7 rig: First, Second and Third

RS Aero 5 rig: First, Second

First Masters (over 55)

RS Aero Novice (1st sailing event as helm of any boat)

- 21 13 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT 13.1 By entering the Regatta competitors and, where relevant, their parents/ guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

Royal St George Yacht Club Sailing Office.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

There are a number of tables for dinner booked on the Saturday evening after racing for the sailors. If you are keen to join us, please book your seat/ table at events@rsgyc.ie

Visiting boat trailers will be accommodated and you will be advised upon your arrival where to put them. Please indicate date and time of arrival to sailing@rsgyc.ie